

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

No illusions, no regrets: the current struggle to reform Ukraine

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This paper argues that positive changes in Ukraine in its economy, political system and public institutions depend on a clear escape from the Soviet legacy, which provokes political populism and stalls reforms. Despite the immense challenges of the Russian military intervention and the declining economy, Ukraine has made progress with its ambitious reform agenda. This paper discusses the achievements and setbacks in four policy areas: decentralisation, energy, the civil service and anti-corruption.

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